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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Herbert E. Hetu

Chairman, Publications Review Board

SUBJECT:

Commendation for Thomas White and

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- 1. This is in appreciation of the fine work of Thomas White and as your Directorate's representatives to the Publications Review Board.
- 2. In 1980, the Board reviewed 148 manuscripts (13,480 pages). This responsibility demands thorough review--often under short deadline--of manuscripts of CIA-affiliated authors. Proposed deletions must be legally sustainable and able to meet the tests of classification, a task often requiring extensive research.
- 3. In addition to the reviews, Tom and Bill have made a positive contribution to the ongoing effort to tighten and refine the review process. We have been challenged on a continuing basis by an everincreasing workload and a constant effort to protect the Agency's right to prepublication review, compounded by the over-riding principle of the First Amendment rights of authors.
- 4. The PRB function is a part-time charge that Tom and Bill have handled with all the dedication of a primary duty. Their efforts have been of significant value to the Agency in the protection of classified material and the continuing viability of the secrecy agreement. I hope you will share with them my appreciation of their efforts.

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